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A NEW DIRECTION FOR ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

Democrats are taking America in a New Direction, working to defend our country, restore accountability to Washington, grow our economy, strengthen our families, and protect our planet.

The New Direction Congress has **four clear priorities** for tackling some of the greatest challenges we face going forward: achieving **energy independence** and reducing global warming.

These solutions were developed in open meetings, by bipartisan majorities in Congress, because everybody has a stake in our fight for energy independence.

1. **Strengthen our national security** by reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

- ★ **Making the largest investment in homegrown biofuels** in American history.
- ★ **Creating tax incentives for Hybrids—not Hummers**, replacing tax loopholes for purchasing gas-guzzlers with a \$4,000 plug-in hybrid vehicle tax credit, and incentives for biking and cleaner mass transit.
- ★ **Repealing Big Oil giveaways** for companies earning record profits, and re-investing in clean, renewable fuels.

2. **Lower energy costs** with greater efficiency, cleaner energy, and smarter technology.

- ★ **Reduce energy costs** by more than \$300 billion through 2030 with landmark energy efficiency reforms for homes, industry, and businesses.
- ★ **Promote renewable energy** through tax credits and incentives for solar, wind, biomass, and geothermal technologies.

3. Create new American jobs.

- ★ **Supporting cutting-edge research** that leads to further innovation in the private sector.
- ★ **Helping small businesses develop renewable energy solutions** and make their own businesses more energy efficient
- ★ **Creating a “Green Jobs Corps,”** training a quality workforce for millions of good “green” jobs, such as solar panel manufacturers, green building construction workers, and sustainable forestry workers.
- ★ **Making coal part of the solution** with aggressive steps on carbon capture and sequestration.

4. Reduce Global Warming.

- ★ **Making the U.S. a global leader** on a binding global warming agreement, with commitments from all the major emitters including China, India, and Brazil, and promoting U.S. energy exports in clean and efficient technologies.
- ★ **Requiring federal government operations to be carbon neutral by 2050**, reducing emissions and consumption by the nation’s largest energy consumer, and reducing the cost to taxpayers by \$7.5 billion by 2030.
- ★ **Removing as much as 10 billion tons of carbon dioxide through 2030**—more than the annual emissions of all of the cars on the road in America today—through landmark energy efficiency measures.

